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## Team Rhein-Main Annual Awards

**When:** Feb. 25

6 – 7 p.m. social hour

7 – 8:30 p.m. dinner

**Where:** Steigenberger Airport Hotel

**Dress:** Mess dress/semi-formal

**Tickets:** 28 Euro each (Deadline is Wednesday)

**For Tickets:**

TSgt Roberts

MSgt Bayham



Photo by Airman 1st Class Eric Donner

## Awareness award

*Col. Brad Denison, 469th Air Base Group commander, presents Jacquie Zachry, wife of Staff Sgt. William Zachry, 469th ABG Clinic, a commander's coin during a Team Rhein-Main meeting Thursday. The colonel honored Mrs. Zachry for her force protection awareness while working at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service shoppette. She notified security forces of a suspicious individual that was not authorized to be on base.*

## News Brief

### Award winners

Congratulations to the 469th Air Base Group Security Forces Flight, which recently garnered an award as U.S. Air Forces in Europe Outstanding Security Forces (Geographically Separated Unit/Munitions Support Squadron). Look for a full story in the next edition of *the Gateway*.



## USAFE Idol talent contest gives stars an opportunity to shine

By Capt. Krista Carlos  
USAFE News Service

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS)** — U.S. Air Forces in Europe Airmen will get the opportunity of a lifetime to sing with a professional band, USAFE's Touch n'Go Ensemble, while competing in the USAFE Idol Talent Contest April 23 here.

While the judges may not be as harsh as Simon Cowell or as famous as Paula

Abdul, participants will be given an equally rewarding experience — the chance to be the next 'USAFE Idol.'

"The USAFE Idol Talent Contest is open to all active-duty Airmen assigned to USAFE units," said Mandy Smith-Nethercott, USAFE Services.

"There will be eight wing-level contests that will judge solo vocal performances," she said. "The first-place

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# Air Force changes, removes info given to officer promotion boards

By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski  
Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON** — Air Force officials are making changes to what information will be kept in selection briefs for officers facing promotion boards this year.

Starting with active-duty promotion boards through the rank of colonel in 2005, all self-initiated academic education information, including bachelor's degrees, will be removed from the officer selection brief, officer pre-selection brief and duty qualification history brief for line officers and the judge advocate general corps.

Academic education information for chaplains and health-profession officers will remain in applicable promotion documents.

The Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve will implement the same procedures beginning with boards convening after Jan. 1, 2006.

Additionally, in a change that applies to all officers regardless of promotion category, a deployment history block displaying the last six deployments in excess of 45 days since Sept. 11, 2001, will replace the overseas duty history block. The assignment history section will still reflect overseas duty and information on officers sent to Air Force-sponsored developmental education. Training reports from these assignments will remain filed in the officer selection record.

"We are an expeditionary Air Force and capturing deployment history is more relevant than a listing of overseas assignments," said Lt. Gen. Roger Brady, deputy chief of staff for personnel. "Currently, deployment history is not readily captured on promotion documents. By highlighting this information to board members, they will not need to hunt through (officer promotion reports) or decorations to find it."

The changes only affect promotion documents. Academic education will remain on other developmental team documents, such as assignment reports. Air Force policy prohibits senior raters from using these documents when preparing promotion recommendation forms.

"By changing the culture from one of 'forced' education for promotion to personal development, the officer and the Air Force will reap greater benefits," General Brady said. "As force development continues to evolve, we will incorporate additional initiatives to ensure every officer receives the education and training that best suits that person and Air Force needs."

"The Air Force wants its officers to focus on job performance — people will be sent to obtain advanced degrees when they are required to do the job. This should relieve the pressure officers feel to obtain advanced degrees solely for the purpose of promotion," he added.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Eric Donner

## Sharing a laugh

*(Left to right) Lt. Col. Michael Polhemus, 726th Air Mobility Squadron commander, Col. Steven Arquette, 362nd Air Expeditionary Group commander, Col. Bob Otto, 435th Air Base Wing vice commander and Col. Brad Denison, 469th Air Base Group commander, share a laugh at the Air Mobility Command Passenger Terminal, during Colonel Otto's visit to Rhein-Main Jan. 27-28. While here, he visited several flights and facilities and met with members of Team Rhein-Main.*



## Up to the challenge

*Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman, U.S. Air Forces in Europe command chief master sergeant, knocks out some pushups, kicking off the Berlin to Baghdad Push-Up Challenge. The challenge, sponsored by the Chief's Groups across the command, is a competition for individual and three-person teams to see who can "gut" out the most pushups within 10 minutes. Collectively, the HQ USAFE Team, consisting of Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAFE commander; Lt. Gen. Arthur Lichte, USAFE vice commander; and Chief Coleman, knocked out 339 pushups. All proceeds go to benefit the Air Force Enlisted Heritage Hall. For more information about the challenge contact Chief Master Sgt. Robert Stewart, 469th Air Base Group superintendent.*



Photo by Master Sgt. Mona Ferrell

# Commander recognizes Hidden Heroes

Story and photo by  
Airman 1st Class Eric Donner  
Public Affairs

Col. Brad Denison, 469th Air Base Group commander, recognized three members of the Rhein-Main community with Hidden Heroes coins and certificates during a Hail and Farewell Ceremony Feb. 4 at the Rocket Bowling Center.

Those named as Hidden Heroes include: **Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Brewer**,

469th ABG Security Forces Flight: **Tech. Sgt. Charles Stonestreet**, 726th Air Mobility Squadron, and **Heidi Polhemus**, wife of **Lt. Col. Michael Polhemus**, 726th AMS commander.

Sergeant Brewer volunteered more than 100 hours to help improve the appearance of the base and to help provide TDY service members a little piece of home at the USO office.

He also volunteered to plan and organize security forces flight picnics and farewell dinners. Sergeant Brewer spearheaded a farewell dinner for the German Bundeswehr and received recognition for the event's flawless example of promoting United States and host nation relationships.

He also spent time talking with injured troops from downrange who were awaiting transport to local medical facilities for treatment.

S e r g e a n t

Stonestreet is the league coordinator for the youth bowling league at Rhein-Main. He has spent countless hours coordinating league support and tournaments. He is also responsible for running the league each Saturday morning.

Sergeant Stonestreet has no children in the youth bowling league and runs the program solely because of his love of the sport and the base youth, according to Master Sgt. Marino Duran, 726th AMS.

Mrs. Polhemus has served as the secretary of the Rhein-Main Community Spouses Club for the past two years and served on the Bazaar board. She is also actively involved with the local Cub Scout and Girl Scout troops and programs at the base chapel. She also sets a positive example for local spouses and is always willing to lend a helping hand, according to Cecilia Kitterman, President of the Rhein-Main Community Spouses Club.

Hidden Heroes is one of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong's Combat and Special Interest Programs.

The program is designed to identify, recognize and encourage members at USAFE bases to serve as volunteers with base and community agencies.



*(Left to right) Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Brewer, 469th Air Base Group Security Forces Flight, Heidi Polhemus, wife of Lt. Col. Michael Polhemus, 726th Air Mobility Squadron commander, and Tech. Sgt. Charles Stonestreet, 726th AMS, pose with Col. Brad Denison, 469th ABG commander, after receiving their awards during a Hail and Farewell Ceremony Feb. 4.*

# Rhein-Main: What a Team!

Okay, so the Indianapolis Colts didn't win the Superbowl and the New England Patriots did – there's always next year.

But, I have to give it to the Patriots, they epitomize what a team is all about – no real superstars, lots of hard-working, hard-hitting, smash-mouth football players. They ooze with confidence and discipline.

When I think of team efforts there's another group that comes to mind — Team Rhein-Main.

I've been stationed at Rhein-Main for 3 1/2 years and there's no question, this is the best Air Force team ever. Sure, there are a few who get in trouble every now and then, but the overwhelming majority are rock solid.

New challenges arise daily and the people in this community step forward to face them head-on. As I think about each flight, I'm amazed at the accomplishments. In fact, I would put any Rhein-Main flight chief and their flight up against any other flight chief, anywhere, anytime — because I know we have the best.

Lt. Col. Katherine Callies, Maj. Shawn Moore and Heather Osterhaus, Ray Rabatin, Michael Wage, Bob Keffer, Capt. Jeffrey Adams and Christopher Aliphat, 1st Lt. Uriah Orland and Senior Master Sgt. Trina Douglas – these are the best of the best. And when we combine the rest of the leaders from Team Rhein-Main – like Lt. Col. Michael Polhemus, Maj. Jerry Wood, Capt. Richard Macalino and Vern Yowell – we have a Superbowl team.

But, a team is not just the leaders – it's the players – and at Rhein-Main the players are awesome.

What would Sergeant Douglas do at finance if she didn't have Muriel Anderson, Ray Boyd or Lee Tapia or Staff Sgts. Kristin Farmer, Rachel Gardner, Tim Hall and Victor Wiens — that's a team.

There are team players up and down the line-up making a huge difference at Rhein-Main. Just look at the 469th Air Base Group Services Flight – Capt. Matthew Orlowsky, K.C. Radloff, Aaron

Chapuis, Jade Muench and the list goes on. Look at contracting – Capt. Seth Hamilton, Master Sgt. Gerald Weaver, Staff Sgt. Melissa Whitworth and so on. The 469th ABG Security Forces Flight, Clinic, Civil Engineer Flight and 726th Air Mobility Squadron – they all ooze with confidence.

We would not be a team without the contributions of the Defense Commissary Agency and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service staffs, Department of Defense Dependent Schools employees and all the other agencies that contribute to this mission.

It's impossible to list all 800 members of TRM, but suffice it to say – you know who you are and you are on the roster.

Finally, where would we be as a group and a base without the coach and his staff – Col. Brad Denison, 469th ABG commander, is a player-coach.

National Football League coaches put



**By Chaplain  
(Lt. Col.) Dennis  
Kitterman**  
469th Air Base  
Group Chapel

*The Action Line is one way for me to keep my finger on the pulse of the Rhein-Main community and is used as an avenue for communication.*

*The main objective of the Commander's Action Line is finding solutions to problems or providing explanations for processes.*

*If you experience problems at Rhein-Main, you should always try to resolve problems at the lowest level by contacting the unit or agency managers. In almost every case, your chain of command is the best solution. I strongly encourage everyone to use that route first. When normal channels haven't been able to resolve your issues, feel free to send an e-mail to [Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil](mailto:Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil) or call 330-7779. Please include your name and contact information along with your concern.*

*Action Lines are forwarded to the appropriate agency for action and response. They should contact you within 24 hours. Once an Action Line is started, the agency must provide a complete answer to me within 10 days.*

*The 469th Air Base Group Public Affairs Office is responsible for managing the Action Line program on my behalf. If you have any questions, call Public Affairs.*



**Col. Bradley Denison**  
Commander, 469th Air Base Group

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*The deadline for the Feb. 25  
edition of the Gateway is  
4 p.m. Feb. 17.*

## Warriors of the Week



**Tech. Sgt. Pamela Bidel**

**Unit:** 469th Air Base Group Legal Office

**Time in Air Force:** 17 years

**Time at Rhein-Main:** 5 months

**Duty Title:** Law Office Manager

**Hometown:** Tucson, Arizona

**Hobbies:** Reading and writing novels.

**What has been your best Air Force experience?**

Working for NATO in Vicenza, Italy, during Operation Deliberate.

### 469th Air Base Group Legal Office



**Michelle Jones**

**Unit:** 469th Air Base Group Legal Office

**Time in Government Service:** 3 weeks

**Time at Rhein-Main:** 9 months

**Duty Title:** Legal secretary

**Hometown:** Oklahoma City, Okla.

**Hobbies:** Spending time with friends and family.

**What has been your best Air Force experience?**

Meeting my husband when my dad was stationed at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

## Blood drive set for March

The Rhein-Main Community Blood Drive is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 3 at the base chapel annex.

Active-duty military, dependents and DoD beneficiaries can give blood. People wanting to give blood should contact one of the following points-of-contact to pre-qualify and schedule a time to give:

- 469th Air Base Group – Tech. Sgt. Thomas Hall
- 726th Air Mobility Squadron – Tech. Sgt. Jaime Falcon or Senior Airman Dave Pimentel
- 64th Replacement Company – 1st Lt. Katherine Booth-Calero
- Frankfurt Consulate

Donating blood is a simple way for nearly anyone to save up to three lives. Although a blood donation takes about 10 minutes, there are some steps which come before and after the donation to keep donors and the blood supply safe.

The amount of time required to complete the donation process varies by

site and depends on the number of people donating; however, every effort is made to get donors in and out as quickly as possible. In general, the entire process takes from 45 minutes to an hour.

The Armed Services Blood Program supplies blood and blood products for the 1.3 million service members and their families across the nation and around the globe. Since the Korean War the military blood program has provided more 1.5 million units of blood to treat sick and injured service members on the battlefield. Today the program must maintain 65,000 units of frozen blood and 5,000 units of liquid cells at all times in order to meet readiness requirements.

Blood donations do not go to the civilian community, but stay within the military healthcare system.

*(Courtesy 469th ABG Clinic)*

### TEAM, from Page 4-

in hundreds of hours a week and are always under the spotlight.

Colonel Denison and his staff do the same, the only difference is that NFL coaches make millions of dollars and take the off-season – off.

There's no off-season for Colonel Denison

and his staff and when I last looked at the pay charts they don't make millions.

To everyone at Rhein-Main, I say thanks for letting me be part of your team.

From the school to the youth center to the family support center to my intramural basketball friends and of course to my chapel staff – thanks to all — “cause we are the champions!”







## Around Rhein-Main

### Not for sale

Rhein-Main Air Base no longer supports a "Lemon Lot" for used cars. Residents are not allowed to park vehicles for sale anywhere on base or in Gateway Gardens.

Several options are available in the local community.

In Hanau cars can be parked in the commissary parking lot on Wolfgang Kaserne. In Wiesbaden cars can be parked on the street outside the gate of the Hainerberg shopping area. There is no registration required to park a car at either location. Darmstadt does not offer a Lemon Lot service.

Ramstein Air Base offers the largest population to sell a car. The base's Lemon Lot is managed by the Outdoor Recreation Office. Car owners must show a current automobile registration and pay a \$5 fee for a two-week pass. Call 480-5705 for more information.

### African-American events

The Rhein-Main African-American Heritage Committee

sponsors an African Cultural Exhibit and Showcase at 1 p.m. Feb. 19 at the youth center. Participants can experience a sample of African culture with readings, story telling, video clips and can even learn an African dance. The event features Fanta and her friends. A collage of prominent African Americans will also be displayed.

An African-American Heritage Dinner and Celebration is set for 6 p.m. Feb. 26 at the Inner-City Hotel. Dress is semi-formal and cost is 35 euro. Transportation will be provided from the shoppette parking lot.

The night will include a guest speaker, poetry, songs, readings, an African collectables vendor and a DJ.

For more information or tickets, contact 2nd Lt. Robert Whitaker, Master Sgt. Darnell Clark or Tech. Sgt. Victor Odom.

### Holiday

The 469th Air Base Group will observe Presidents Day Feb. 21.

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winner of the wing-level contests will proceed to Ramstein (Air Base, Germany) in April to compete at the USAFE level."

This event is an opportunity to provide quality entertainment while showcasing the talent of USAFE Airmen.

"The USAFE Idol Contest is an excellent opportunity for our stars to shine," said Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAFE commander. "I have traveled all over the command and seen some incredible talent, and this contest will provide a great venue to highlight our Airmen's singing abilities as well as provide a morale boost for our USAFE family."

The USAFE command chief has also witnessed the command-wide talent.

"We've heard our folks perform the National Anthem at base events, we've watched opening acts and various talent contests, and even seen Airmen participate in karaoke nights who are not afraid to get up and embarrass themselves," said Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman, USAFE command chief master sergeant. "We know that some of our Airmen have untapped talents and, if given the opportunity, will amaze us all."

#### USAFE Idol

Rhein-Main Airmen can participate in the Ramstein USAFE Idol contest set for March. 24.

To register, call Ramstein Community Center Programs director at 480-6600 or 480-7187.

To find more information on the program and rules, check the USAFE Services Marketing and Entertainment Web site at [www.usafesvsmarketing.org](http://www.usafesvsmarketing.org). The website features information on all aspects of the contest, how to participate and more.

USAFE Idol contestants will not only need to be talented, but will also be expected to follow specific guidelines.

"Each contestant will be required to have two songs prepared for the contest. Both songs will be performed at the wing and USAFE level," said Ms. Smith-Nethercott. "The use of pre-recorded music will not be authorized since the Touch n' Go ensemble from the USAFE Band will provide live musical accompaniment during both wing and USAFE-level contests."

A panel of three judges will be used

to evaluate Airmen at both levels. Once the contestants progress to the USAFE-level, they will be evaluated on technical excellence, showmanship and treatment and interpretation of material by an additional group of judges selected by the command staff, said Ms. Smith-Nethercott.

"There will be no "Simon" judging these contests," said Chief Coleman. "The idea isn't to get audience ratings, so you won't see the commercialism that's out there. It will also not be a critical evaluation of the members in our command, but an appreciation and recognition of those members who have absolutely superior talent."

All wing-level winners who proceed to the USAFE-level will receive three days of performing arts workshops and rehearsals hosted by the USAFE Band.

The April 23 competition will yield an ultimate winner.

"The chief and I are looking forward to the competition and are going to make every effort to visit all the wing-level contests," said General Foglesong. "We're hoping to get a lot of folks excited and ready for a highly competitive USAFE Idol Talent Contest."

# Rhein-Main spouse moves on to USAFE level

Mother of three chosen to represent 435th ABW in Joan Orr award competition

**Story and photo by**  
**Airman 1st Class Eric Donner**  
Public Affairs

Michelle Wilkinson, wife of Maj. Kevin Wilkinson, 469th Air Base Group Legal Office, was selected as the 435th Air Base Wing's nominee for the 2005 Joan Orr Spouse of the Year Award Jan. 27.

Col. Brad Denison, 469th Air Base Group commander, recognized Mrs. Wilkinson's nomination during a Team Rhein-Main meeting and presented her a certificate and commander's coin.

"I was pleasantly surprised, because I only knew about the group level award," she said.

Mrs. Wilkinson began volunteering in the Air Force community as soon as her husband joined the service in 1997, and has spent countless hours volunteering since.

"Since being married she has helped out as much as possible," said Major Wilkinson. "She's always willing to help out a friend or an organization."

Among her many activities Mrs. Wilkinson is a member of the Rhein-Main Community Spouses Club. She is a co-chairperson for the club's "Bunko" game, where she organizes childcare and refreshments for the games to ensure maximum participation.

She was also a member of the spouse's club board for Rhein-Main's final bazaar. The bazaar was an extraordinary success and raised approximately \$22,000 for the club and community.

"It's easy when you have good examples all around you, with friends and family to help you out," said Mrs. Wilkinson.

Mrs. Wilkinson continuously volunteers at the Halvorsen-Tunner Elementary and Middle school. She has served as room-mom for the past two years, organizing such



*Michelle Wilkinson puts together a cracker tray at the Rhein-Main USO office in the Air Mobility Command Passenger Terminal Tuesday.*

activities as the kindergarten Valentine's Day party. She volunteered for picture day, where she organized and handled payments for the class pictures. She also helped decorate for Col. Gail



*The Wilkinson Family (clockwise from top left): Kevin, Michelle, Brandon, Emily and Jacob.*

"Candy Bomber" Halvorsen's visit to the school during the 55th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift.

Along with helping out Air Force organizations, Mrs. Wilkinson is also active in her church. She volunteers as a Sunday school teacher for 10 children. She is also a member of the church choir, and participated in the Christmas Cantata.

Her motivation to serve comes from a deeper belief, according to her husband.

"She is motivated by the value of her fellow man, and by serving them, you're serving God," said Major Wilkinson.

One of the most rewarding experiences she has had volunteering was at the USO during Christmas. More than 1,000 servicemembers were expected to transit the terminal and the USO office Christmas Eve and Christmas day. To ease manning shortages, the Wilkinson family spent time volunteering to help the transiting members.

Throughout all of her experiences one thing rings true — service to others is one of the greatest gifts anyone can give. Mrs. Wilkinson shows that every day.



## Closure Corner

This section is devoted to giving the Rhein-Main Community the most up-to-date information concerning base closure issues. All dates presented in this section are subject to change based on manpower figures, personnel assignment information and ongoing U.S. Air Forces in Europe coordination.

Following is information disseminated at the latest Rhein-Main Closure Town Hall Meeting Jan. 20 at the base theater:

**Q:** What are some of the different entitlement situations we could face depending on whether our family members stay here or return early?

**A:** Following are a few examples:

1) Tech. Sgt. Snuffy, a 12-year veteran, is PCSing either to the CONUS or O-CONUS and will keep his two family members in the Frankfurt area until closure. He will receive per month:

- Base pay – \$2,779.20
- BAS – \$267.18
- COLA – \$867
- BAH-II – \$693.60
- Est. TLA for Frankfurt – \$7,462.50

TLA covers hotel expenses and meals. Hotel cost is estimated at \$125 per night.

2) Tech. Sgt. Snuffy, a 12-year veteran, is PCSing to Spangdahlem. He will advance travel his family members before his PCS date. He will receive per month:

- Base pay – \$2,779.20
- BAS – \$267.18
- COLA – \$666
- Est. TLA – \$5,680.50
- BAH-II – \$693.60 (if family members are not assigned government quarters)

At Spangdahlem, family members will be entitled to: (must have dual allowance authorized in orders)

- OHA – \$2,121.38 (if not assigned government quarters)
- COLA – \$780
- TLA at Spangdahlem – \$1,058 (lodging expenses for

maximum 10 days)

3) Tech. Sgt. Snuffy, a 12-year veteran, is PCSing to a CONUS assignment (Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada). He will advance travel his family members before his PCS date. The government does not pay for the member to travel to the states to set up a household. He will receive per month:

- Base pay – \$2,779.20
- BAS – \$267.18
- COLA – \$666
- Est. TLA – \$5,680.50

His dependent is entitled to:

- BAH-II – \$693.60 (if not assigned government quarters)
- COLA – \$780
- TLE at Nellis – \$780 (lodging expenses for maximum 10 days)

**Q:** When will the dental clinic close?

**A:** All dental care on Rhein-Main will cease June 30. Care will be available to active-duty and family members until this date, with some exceptions.

- Routine caps, bridges and dentures will not be started after March 1. (work already in progress will proceed)
- Routine wisdom teeth surgery will not be scheduled after May 20.
- Routine biopsies will not be done after June 3.

**Q:** What can family members do after the clinic closes?

**A:** Family members will be on a 'space available' status at other military clinics. Family members are encouraged to enroll in the United Concordia Dental Plan. After June 30, the point of contact for this plan is Dr. George Schad. Approval is required prior to routine dental care.

United Concordia is a paid dental plan and helps offset out-of-pocket expenses for civilian dental care. People can enroll online or via mail. For people returning to CONUS, they can enroll now and the benefits will follow them to the states.

More information can be found at [www.ucci.com](http://www.ucci.com).

**Q:** What is the deadline for dental clearances of family members for PCSing?

**A:** Clearances required for overseas assignments need to be completed before June 30. Members should call the clinic for an appointment.

**Q:** What will happen to family member dental records when the clinic closes?

**A:** They will be forwarded to the gaining base.

**Q:** Where can active-duty members receive dental care after June 30?

**A:** Routine treatment will be available at the Darmstadt Dental Clinic. After-hours emergency care will be available at Darmstadt and Heidelberg. Call the Rhein-Main Dental Clinic at 330-4291 for more information.

**Q:** How can I contact a local clinic?

**A:** Following is a list of local clinics:

- Darmstadt – DSN 348-7380
- Commercial – 06151-697380
- Wiesbaden – DSN 337-5248
- Commercial – 0611-7055248
- Hanau – DSN 328-6599
- Commercial – 06181-5006599
- Heidelberg – DSN 371-2362
- Commercial – 06221-172362

**Q:** What is the last day for non-core patients (retirees, retiree family members, members of units not physically located on Rhein-Main) to be seen at the clinic?

**A:** The last day for non-core patients to be seen is March 30. The TRICARE office will assist with the transfer of these patients to local clinics. Patients should contact the TRICARE office at 330-4261 or 330-4263 for more information.



# Rhein-Main blotter

compiled by Senior Airman David Day



**Jan. 12** – An individual reported his privately-owned vehicle as stolen. He said his car overheated while traveling on the autobahn. He inspected the vehicle and left the area by other means. When he returned to pick up the vehicle it was gone. The polizei were contacted and said they did not have the vehicle towed.

**Jan. 14** – An individual reported that her daughter was nearly struck by a vehicle in the parking lot of the base exchange. She said that when she was approaching the crosswalk a vehicle sped past at approximately 35 mph. She said the driver tried to pull into a parking spot, but had to back up. When he backed up he nearly struck the individual's daughter. Patrols were briefed and dispatched to locate the suspected vehicle. The suspect was located and released.

**Jan. 18** – A patrol initiated a challenge on an individual who broke red while exiting a restricted area. The individual did not have the proper credentials to be in the restricted area. The individual was searched and transported to the security forces control center for processing.

**Jan. 26** – A patrol reported a large amount of smoke coming from Bldg. 613 in Gateway Gardens. The fire department responded and determined the problem to be a leaking hot water pipe emitting steam. The water pipe was shut off.

**Jan. 26** – An individual reported he found unauthorized purchases while reviewing his credit card statement. When he contacted his credit card company, he found out the purchases were made by two different individuals. He said he didn't know the persons listed and that the purchases were unauthorized. A report was generated and forwarded to the credit card company.

**Jan. 27** – An individual reported that his vehicle was broken into at his off-base residence. He said that at 9 p.m. he parked his privately-owned vehicle in front of his residence. At approximately 6:50 a.m. the next morning, he noticed the passenger side door had been pried away from the roof of the car and was unlocked. He discovered his car stereo, cell phone, Walkman, and clothes were missing from his vehicle. A report was generated and for-

warded to his insurance company.

**Jan. 31** – The Darmstadt Military Police Station apprehended an individual Jan. 30 for being drunk and disorderly. When the individual was questioned the following morning, he said he was at a bar in Sachsenhausen with work colleagues. After approximately five alcoholic beverages, he blacked out and didn't regain his memory until the next morning when he woke up in the hospital. The individual was processed and released to his supervisor.

**Feb. 5** – While on a routine patrol of the Rocket Sports Lounge, a patrol found an individual that appeared to be sleeping in the driver's seat of a running vehicle. Another patrol was dispatched to provide assistance. The patrols knocked on the window of the vehicle to try to wake the driver up. When the driver opened the door the patrolman smelled alcohol. The patrols conducted a field sobriety test that met with unsatisfactory results. The individual was detained and transported to the security forces control center for processing.

## DUI/DWI Tracker

### Days without DUIs (As of Tuesday)

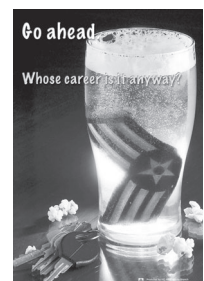
**469th Air Base Group**  
100 days  
**726th Air Mobility Squadron**  
3 days  
**64th Replacement Company**  
268 days

**Tenant Units**  
52 days  
**Others**  
195 days

The 469th ABG Top IV provides a

fund at the main gate for permanent party personnel who take a taxi back to the base instead of driving while intoxicated.

The money used must be reimbursed the next duty day.



# Group takes b-ball crown – again

## 469th ABG pummels Security Forces 46-19 to cap perfect season

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Dynasty. Team of the decade. Title town. No these aren't just descriptions of the New England Patriots football team. A week before Super Bowl XXXIX these same words were accolades bestowed upon the 469th Air Base Group intramural basketball team.

The 469th capped a 13-0 season with a 46-19 trouncing of Security Forces in the base intramural finale Jan. 27. Add this to the team's 13-1 record last year and it looks like the only thing to keep them from three-peating is base closure.

Jake Strawn led the 469th charge in the championship frame with 16 points. Michael Baab added 11, while Guy Wells chipped in five.

Marcus Allen led Security Forces with seven, while Julius Porcher notched four.

The championship game didn't live up to the hype created by an earlier meeting between the two teams in a semi-final matchup. Despite leading by as many as 14 in the second half, it took double-overtime for the 469th to earn a 47-45 win over Security Forces and relegate them to losers' bracket finale.

Security Forces responded with a 47-35 win over the 726th Air Mobility Squadron to make it to the title game.

The championship game was a one-point affair at the half with the 469th

clinging to a 15-14 lead.

Pressure defense applied early in the second half by 469th guards Mark Cave, Andre Dean and Jonathan Walker created numerous turnovers leading to fast-break buckets to help blow the game open.

"We missed quite a few easy shots in the first half," said Matt Summers, 469th coach. "We turned up the defensive pressure in the second half and got some easy looks at the basket."

"But you have to give Security Forces credit, they played us harder than anyone else all year long," he added.

Security Forces coach Kevin Smith agreed the matchup was a tough one.

"We played great all season but when we played the 469th we could not put it together," said Coach Smith. "They were the better team this year – congratulations (to them)."

Coach Summers said he was most impressed with the 469th's ability to play unselfishly through numerous roster changes during the season.

"We began the season with two starters who were TDY to Rhein-Main and they rotated out two games before the playoffs," he said. "We added Mark Cave and Michael Baab to our line-up at that point and they fit perfectly into our scheme."

"We remained undefeated this season because of teamwork and unselfish play," he added. "We made the extra pass to turn



*Guy Wells, 469th Air Base Group forward, hits a fast-break layup and draws a foul during the intramural championship game against Security Forces Jan. 27. Wells scored five points on the night.*

an average shot into an easy one."

Other members of the championship squad include:

Ben Allen III, Darian Daughtry, Nate Jance, David Jones, Chris Kitterman, Dennis Kitterman, Uriah Orland and Jonathan White.

Members of Security Forces include: Robert Aldinger, Fred Ballard, Clevis Bell, Andrew Hallead, Sam Nelson, David Setliff, Kevin Smith and Sedrick Starks.

## Sports briefs

### Volleyball anyone?

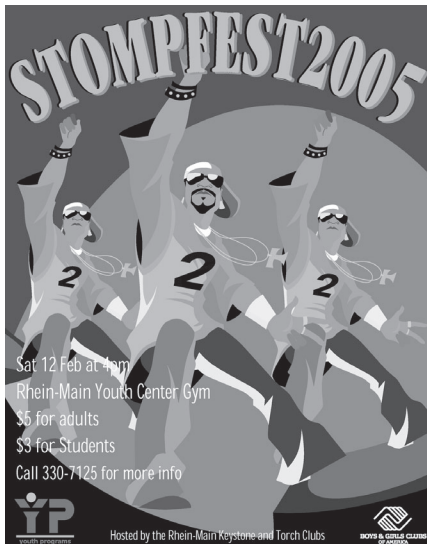
Letters of intent for the upcoming intramural volleyball season are due to the fitness center staff by Monday. Stop by the fitness center to pick up a form.

For more information, call Senior Airman Bianca Rios.

### AF volleyball

The deadline for applications to tryout for the men's and women's Air Force Volleyball teams is March 7. Selections will begin March 10. The Air Force Volleyball Training Camp is set for April 22 - May 16 in Hawaii and Colorado.

For more information, call the fitness center at 330-7151.



## Sweetheart bowling

The Rocket Bowling Center sponsors "Sweetheart Bowling," from 6 - 10 p.m. Saturday.

This event is a special ladies' night. There's free bowling for ladies, the first six ladies receive a rose, the first 12 receive candy treats.

Other gifts and prizes will also be available.

Call 330-7992 for more information.

## Wingman promotions

Members of U.S. Air Forces in Europe can present their wingman and

wingman card each Wednesday at the Rocket Sports Lounge and when they purchase a lunch special at regular price they get the second lunch at half price.

A wingman and wingman card presented at the Rocket Bowling Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays earns bowling for \$1 each game including shoes.

## Taste of Rhein-Main

The Rhein-Main African-American Heritage Committee sponsors a "Taste of Rhein-Main" from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Community Connection.

Participants can enjoy a taste of various delicious African-American dishes.

Donations will be accepted at the door. For more information or to donate a dish, contact 2nd Lt. Robert Whitaker, Master Sgt. Darnell Clark or Tech. Sgt. Victor Odom.

## New hours

Our House, Bldg. 627 B-2 in Gateway Gardens, has new operating hours.

New hours are:

- 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays
- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays
- 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays

For more information, call Tammy Custer.

## College scholarships

The Rhein-Main Community Spouses Club will award scholarships to high school seniors who have a sponsor assigned to Rhein-Main.

Applications are available at H.H. Arnold High School, the family support center and the library. Applications are due no later than Feb. 27.

For more information, call Carita Spencer.

## Soul food dinner

The Keystone Club sponsors a Soul food dinner from 6 - 8 p.m. Feb. 25 at the Rhein-Main Youth Center Gym.

All dinners must be pre-ordered and will be takeout only.

Dinners cost \$5 each and will consist of a choice of meat (fried chicken or barbecue ribs) and four side items - macaroni and

## Movies at Rhein-Main

**Tonight** - "Blade: Trinity," (R), 7 p.m.  
**Saturday** - "Racing Stripes," (PG), 5 p.m. and "Ocean's Twelve," (PG-13), 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday** - "Blade Trinity," (R), 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday** - "Hide and Seek," (R), 7 p.m.

**Feb. 18** - "Ocean's Twelve," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**Feb. 19** - "Flight of the Phoenix," (PG-13), 5 p.m., and "Coach Parker," (PG-13), 7:30 p.m.

**Feb. 20** - "Closer," (R), 7 p.m.

**Feb. 21** - "The Incredibles," (PG), noon, "Ocean's Twelve," (PG-13), 3 p.m. and "Blade: Trinity," (R), 6 p.m.

**Feb. 23** - "Pooh's Heffalump Movie," (G), 7 p.m.

Movies and times are subject to change.

Movie schedules for local communities can be found at

[www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp](http://www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp)

cheese, potato salad, collard greens and cornbread. Ticket sales end today. All proceeds go towards a Keystone Club trip.

For more information, call Travis McKinney.

## Manage your move

The FSC will conduct "Manage Your Move," sessions Feb. 22 and Feb. 24.

Participants can receive outprocessing tips and free moving management tools. Orders are not needed for either session.

Sessions are set for 12:15 - 2:15 p.m. Feb. 22 at Our House and 4:15 - 5:15 p.m. Feb. 24 at the FSC in Bldg. 347.

## Base-wide yard sale

Get your junk and treasure together for the Rhein-Main Community Spouses Club base-wide yard sale set for April 30 - rain or shine. The club is also planning to set up a car sale lot for anyone who wants to get rid of their "hoopy."

## Chapel schedule

The following worship opportunities are offered by the Rhein-Main Chapel:

- Catholic worship:

Sunday Mass - 9 a.m. every Sunday.

Chapel fellowship - 10 a.m.

- Protestant worship:

Sunday School - 9 a.m.

Chapel fellowship - 10 a.m.

Worship and Kids Own Church take place every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.







Photo by Airman 1st Class Eric Donner

*Marit Post, a long-time USO volunteer at Rhein-Main, hands out cookies to an Airman transiting the base Tuesday. Mrs. Post's husband, Sam, has volunteered with the USO for 28 years.*

## Happy 64th Birthday USO!



## Day Trippin'

Since 1941, the USO has fulfilled its mission to provide morale, welfare and recreation-type services to men and women in uniform.

In times of peace and war, the USO has consistently delivered its special brand of comfort, morale and recreational services to service members and their families.

A nonprofit, congressionally chartered, private organization, the USO relies on the generosity of individuals, organizations and corporations to support USO activities. The USO is not part of the government but is endorsed by the president and the Department of Defense. Each president has been the honorary chairman of the USO since its inception.

The USO currently operates 122 centers around the world, including six mobile canteens, with 72 located in the continental United States and 50 overseas.

Overseas centers are located in Germany, Italy, France, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Iceland,

Bosnia, Japan, Qatar, Korea, Kuwait and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

One of the busiest offices is located in the Air Mobility Command Passenger Terminal at Rhein-Main. In 2004, the USO here offered services to nearly all of the more than 625,000 passengers who transited through the terminal.

Probably the most visible service the USO provides is the parade of celebrities who entertain troops throughout the world.

In 2004, the USO produced 55 celebrity entertainment tours, in partnership with Armed Forces Entertainment, with an audience of more than 348,000 troops in 22 countries.

Visitors to Rhein-Main included professional football players and recording artists.

The organization has also distributed thousands of care packages to troops through Operation USO Care Package. The USO has distributed more than half-a-million care packages since the program began in 2001.

*(Information courtesy of USO, Inc.)*

## If you go...



The Rhein-Main USO office is located in Bldg. 400, the Air Mobility Command Passenger Terminal at Rhein-Main. There is also a USO office in Terminal 1, Hall C at the Frankfurt International Airport.



The operating hours for the Rhein-Main office are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. But, permanent staff and volunteers are normally in the office from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Although services at the USO are free, donations are highly encouraged.



For more information on the log onto [www.uso.org](http://www.uso.org). The USO also offers numerous tours in the local area and throughout Germany. Call 330-6424 for more information or pick-up a copy of the monthly *Eine Brücke* publication. The Rhein-Main USO office is currently looking for volunteers.